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## ***Wall Street Journal* Editorial Board Praises Largest Expansion of School Choice in the Nation**

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** (*April 28, 2021*) — Last week, the Florida House, under the leadership of House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, passed the largest expansion of school choice in the nation. *The Wall Street Journal's* Editorial Board recently praised the Legislature for putting parents in charge of their children's education.

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### **Florida's School Voucher Expansion**

*The Wall Street Journal*, Editorial Board, April 27

"Florida already has among the most expansive school-choice offerings in the nation, and this week the Legislature expanded private-school vouchers to more families.

"...The bill increases the eligible household income cap from 300% to 375% of the poverty level—about \$100,000 for a family of four—though it prioritizes households under 185%. The enrollment cap will continue to escalate by 1% of public-school enrollment annually, allowing roughly 28,000 new students each year.

"... One of the bill's biggest boons is extending scholarships to students already in private school. Under current law, only students enrolled in public school can apply. Eliminating this

requirement will help private-school families who have suffered financially from the pandemic or can no longer afford private tuition for other reasons.

“The bill is headed to Gov. Ron DeSantis, who is expected to sign it. Florida is a haven for overtaxed northerners, but it’s also an education refuge for low- and middle-income families.”

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